

BLACK HAWK STATE PARK

Black Hawk State Park was established in 1935 and is located in Lake View, IA around Black Hawk Lake, which was formed by glaciers thousands of years ago. The name of the lake holds much historical significance. In the early 1800's many Indian tribes were being forced to move west, but Chief Black Hawk and his 2,000 followers refused to leave their Iowa home, which resulted in the "Black Hawk War".



I visited this park in March, and found it interesting because it was located within the residential area of lake houses. The Black Hawk Marsh Wildlife Management Area is also located adjacent to the park, providing critical habitat for many species. During my stay I hiked on the nature trail and got to view some of this habitat and the wildlife that lived there. This park also features 128 camping unit, a Frisbee golf course, a volleyball court and playground. Many people come here to fish for channel catfish, crappies, walleyes, bluegills, sunfish and several types of bass. Here is a slideshow showing the cabin I stayed in and highlighting some of my favorite parts about the park.